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First 'Down Under' foals for Trixton

The first foals by the 2014 Hambletonian winner **TRIXTON** Tr 3, 1:50.6 ($947,057) have arrived in Australia and New Zealand and reports are that they really look the part.

A $US360,000 yearling, **TRIXTON** boasts impeccable conformation and is passing this attribute on to his foals.

TRIXTON, a son of the mighty **MUSCLE HILL**, has served full books of 140 mares in each of his first two seasons in North America at a fee of $US12,000.

The brilliant, young stallion also proved extremely popular in Europe, serving around 100 mares via frozen semen in each of his first two seasons. His first Northern Hemisphere crops will sell as yearlings in late 2017.

TRIXTON won 12 of his only 19 lifetime appearances including eight out of 11 at three years. Besides his Hambletonian triumph, **TRIXTON** captured the Goodtimes Stake, Simcoe Stake, John Simpson Memorial, Reynolds Memorial and the final of the New Jersey 3YO Sires Stake.

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Muscle Hill pair win Horse of the Year awards

The **MUSCLE HILL** sired Marion Marauder and Ariana G captured USA Horse of the Year awards for the leading three-year-old male trotter and two-year-old female trotter respectively in 2016.

The first Triple Crown champion for a decade, **Marion Marauder** won 10 of his 15 starts during the year for $1.48-million, the highest amount earned by any trotter in 2016.

Among his successes were the $1-million Hambletonian, $500,000 Yonkers Trot, $431,000 Kentucky Futurity and the $209,040 Goodtimes.

Ariana G, who won nine of her 11 starts and $743,967 in stakes, was clearly the leader in her category. She was also the fastest of her age, sex and gait with a mile mark of 1:51.8.

Her principal wins were the $600,000 Breeders Crown, $306,500 Doherty Memorial and the $275,880 Peaceful Way.

MUSCLE HILL himself was 2YO Colt of the Year, 3YO Colt of the Year and the 2009 Horse of the Year.

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